

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

**Rite of the
Presentation of the
Our Father
for children preparing for the
Sacrament of
Holy Communion**



After the homily, the priest invites the children, with their parents, to the front of the church and addresses them in these or similar words:

Priest: Jesus taught us how to pray so that we could grow in our relationship with Him and our love for Him. Today we present our children preparing for first Holy Communion with the Lord's Prayer to help them on their journey of prayer.

Parents, as the first educators of your children, do you promise to teach your children how to pray so that they may grow in their relationship with Jesus?

Parents: We do.

Priest: Dear children, as you prepare to meet Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion, do you promise to continue to grow in love for Him by praying each day to Him, so that when you come to receive Him in Holy Communion, you will be ready?

Children: We do.

The priest now addresses the congregation:

Priest: My dear people, are you willing to join these children in prayer, praying for them and for their parents, that they might come to know and love Our Lord Jesus Christ?

People: We are.

The priest now distributes the 'Our Father' to each child.

Priest: God our Father, look lovingly on these children gathered here today and on their parents. Grant them their daily bread, help them to forgive as you have forgiven them, inspire them to build up your kingdom on earth and strengthen them in their lives of prayer. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Let us now pray together in the words Our Saviour gave us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name;

Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done

on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

The children should now return to their places.